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Comparison of Adjectives

What is Comparison?

Comparison means comparing two or more people, animals, or things.

هناك ثلاث درجات للمقارنة:

1. **Positive Degree** (المقارنة العادية)
2. **Comparative Degree** (مقارنة بين اثنين)
3. **Superlative Degree** (الأفضل بين ثلاثة فأكثر)

1 Positive Degree (الدرجة العادية)

تستخدمها عندما لا توجد مقارنة.

Structure

Subject + be + adjective

Examples

- Ali is **tall.**
- Sara is **beautiful.**
- The bag is **heavy.**

2 Comparative Degree (مقارنة بين اثنين)

تستخدمها للمقارنة بين شخصين أو شيئين فقط.

A) Short Adjectives (صفات قصيرة)

Structure

Subject + be + adjective + **er** + **than**

Examples

- Ali is **taller than** Omar.
- A lion is **stronger than** a cat.
- A bike is **slower than** a car.

Short Adjectives

Positive	Comparative
tall	taller
short	shorter
fast	faster
old	older
young	younger
small	smaller
long	longer
cold	colder

B) Long Adjectives (صفات طويلة)

Structure

Subject + be + **more** + adjective + **than**

Examples

- English is **more interesting than** Maths.
- Cairo is **more crowded than** Luxor.
- This dress is **more beautiful than** that one.

Long Adjectives

Positive	Comparative
beautiful	more beautiful
expensive	more expensive
interesting	more interesting
important	more important
careful	more careful

Remember

Comparative → than

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3 Superlative Degree (الأفضل بين ثلاثة أو أكثر)

تستخدمها عند المقارنة بين ثلاثة أشخاص أو أشياء أو أكثر.

A) Short Adjectives (صفات قصيرة)

Structure

Subject + be + the + adjective + est

Examples

- Ali is the tallest student in the class.
- The cheetah is the fastest animal.

Short Adjectives

Positive	Superlative
tall	the tallest
short	the shortest
fast	the fastest
old	the oldest
small	the smallest

B) Long Adjectives (صفات طويلة)

Structure

Subject + be + the most + adjective

Examples

- English is the most interesting subject.
- This is the most beautiful park.

Long Adjectives

Positive	Superlative
beautiful	the most beautiful
interesting	the most interesting
expensive	the most expensive
important	the most important
careful	the most careful

Spelling Rules

1. Adjective ends with e
   nice → nicer → the nicest
   large → larger → the largest
2. Adjective ends with y
   easy → easier → the easiest
   happy → happier → the happiest
   busy → busier → the busiest
3. Short adjective ends with CVC
   big → bigger → the biggest
   hot → hotter → the hottest
   fat → fatter → the fattest

Irregular Adjectives

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
much / many	more	the most
little	less	the least
far	farther / further	the farthest / the furthest

Remember

- Comparative ↓ than
- Superlative ↓ the
- Short adjectives ↓ -er / -est
- Long adjectives ↓ more / the most

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Quiz
Comparison of Adjectives

Choose the correct answer:

1 Ali is _____ than Omar.
- a tall
- b taller
- c tallest
- d more tall

2 This bag is _____ than that one.
- a heavy
- b heavier
- c heaviest
- d more heavy

3 English is _____ than Maths.
- a interesting
- b more interesting
- c most interesting
- d interestinger

4 The cheetah is _____ animal in the world.
- a fast
- b faster
- c the fastest
- d the faster

5 Mona is _____ girl in the class.
- a beautiful
- b more beautiful
- c the most beautiful
- d beautifulest

6 My house is _____ than yours.
- a big
- b bigger
- c biggest
- d more big

7 This is _____ book I've ever read.
- a interesting
- b more interesting
- c the most interesting
- d interestinger

8 A train is _____ than a bus.
- a fast
- b faster
- c fastest
- d more fast

9 Today is _____ than yesterday.
- a hot
- b hotter
- c hottest
- d more hot

10 Ahmed is _____ student in his class.
- a good
- b better
- c the best
- d best

11 My marks are _____ than yours.
- a good
- b better
- c best
- d more good

12 This exercise is _____ than the last one.
- a easy
- b easier
- c easiest
- d more easy

13 The Nile is _____ river in Egypt.
- a long
- b longer
- c the longest
- d longest

14 This dress is _____ than that one.
- a expensive
- b more expensive
- c most expensive
- d expensiver

15 Mount Everest is _____ mountain in the world.
- a high
- b higher
- c the highest
- d highest

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Irregular (Abnormal) Adjectives

Some adjectives are irregular (abnormal). They have **different** forms in the comparative and superlative degrees.

	Positive (الصيغة الأصلية)	Comparative (الصيغة المقارنة)	Superlative (الصيغة التفضيلية)
1	good جيد	better أفضل	the best الأفضل
2	bad سيئ	worse أسوأ	the worst الأسوأ
3	far بعيد	farther / further أبعد	the farthest / the furthest الأبعد
4	little قليل	less أقل	the least الأقل
5	many / much كثير	more أكثر	the most الأكثر
6	old قديم	older / elder أقدم	the oldest / the eldest الأقدم
7	late متأخر	later أكثر تأخراً	the latest الأكثر تأخراً
8	early مبكر	earlier أكثر مبكراً	the earliest الأكثر مبكراً
9	far بعيد	farther أبعد	the farthest الأبعد

Notes

- These adjectives don't take –er or –est.
- You must learn them by heart.
- They are very important in exams and writing.

Remember!

good → better → the best

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Quiz
Comparison of Adjectives

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective (comparative or superlative)

1. This museum is much ..... (interesting) than the one we visited last week.
2. July is usually the ..... (hot) month of the year in Egypt.
3. My hometown is ..... (quiet) than Cairo.
4. That was the ..... (expensive) meal I've ever had on a trip!
5. I think traveling by train is ..... (comfortable) than flying.
6. This book is ..... (easy) than the one I read last month.
7. The Nile is the ..... (long) river in the world.
8. Ahmed is ..... (tall) than his brother.
9. Maths is ..... (difficult) than English.
10. This is the ..... (beautiful) park in our city.
11. Winter is ..... (cold) than summer in most countries.
12. She is the ..... (clever) student in her class.
13. This phone is ..... (expensive) than that one.
14. Mount Everest is the ..... (high) mountain in the world.
15. My car is ..... (fast) than yours.

Remember!

Comparative	Superlative	Short adjectives	Long adjectives
↓ than	↓ the	↓ -er / -est	↓ more / the most

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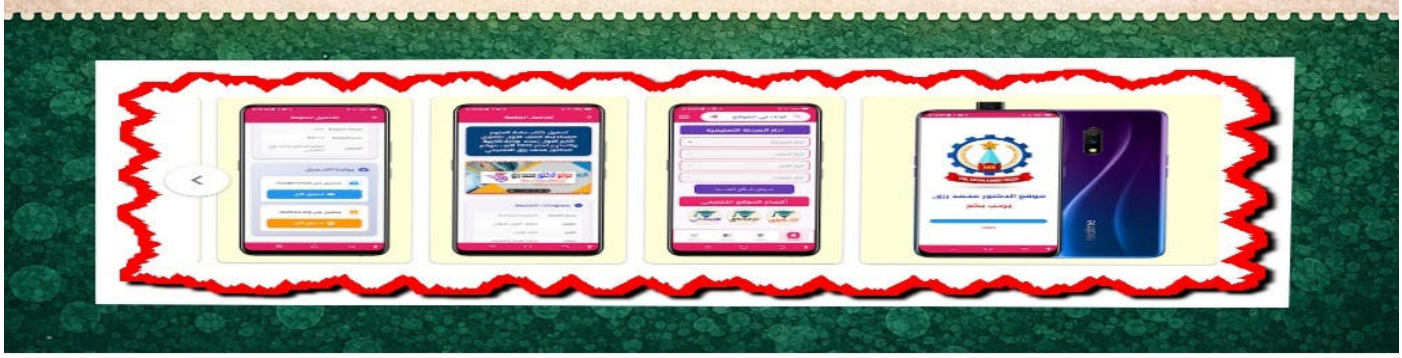

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